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deformed by force and contracted (folded) re-entrant overlapping folds (annular bellows folds) interspersed among the expanded ones so that not many consecutive expanded folds **2**, **5** exist without interference of one **3** or more **4** contracted ones in order to achieve the best possible straightening up of the straw. Further, the first folds **1** are contracted, so that after straightening, the straw may bend to all directions. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page ~~6~~<sup>5</sup>, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- In case the straw has more than one corrugated zones (flexible zones) comprising re-entrant overlapping folds (annular bellows folds), [e.g. the S-shaped straws – **EP-A-0 327 244** (ELOPAK SYSTEMS AG)] the above are applied on all zones. --

### In the Claims

Please cancel all Claims of record and replace them with new claims 5 – 14.

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has rewritten all Claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

About the matter of novelty, applicant wishes any possible objections were stated in details.